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rooms highly inefficient, possibly unsafe, we have old schools all through the city east of 72nd street, including Senator Skarda's district, my district, Senator Snyder's district, Senator Chamber's district, highly inefficient, highly wasteful in cost of fuel, many of them unsafe, many of them built in the previous century, when Omaha was a large district, when no other district was large, but I would like to reiterate in my estimation we have no choice but to give the children what they need. I'd like to also illustrate to this body that the Omaha school district has been perhaps the most frugal body in the state. The average combined mill levy for school districts in most districts is considerably higher than it is in Omaha. Omaha has the highest class size average in the state and always has had for the last twenty years. Omaha is not a spendthrift school organization but they are confronted with the situation in which their school board, their teachers, their PTA are all asking for relief. Now you know and I know that this body is not going to include school buildings in any state aid program no matter what bill is adopted. I do not think I'm incorrect on this matter. Consequently whatever we do for school aid is going to be for operating budgets and has nothing to do with these buildings, and I'd like to close by calling attention once again to the fact that in this matter we have no choice, if Senator Skarda is interested in reducing taxes for parks or roads, or libraries or anything else, he will might have a good point. I would point out to him constitutionally these children will be in school and I think that they ought to be adequate and safe schools, and if in the nature of events in the country, redress is not solved in legislative bodies, as it is often not, because Senators choose not to act, the redress is usually found in courts, and I will call the attention to the recent abortion case of the U. S. Supreme Court. I've been told by an Assistant Attorney General of this state, there enough unconstitutional laws dealing with school organization in this state to make you want to vomit on the table, and I for one am willing to address the needs of the children of this state once and for all, hopefully in this body by intelligent well meaning and well caring men who are not afraid to do what the constitution calls for. If they do not favor this route, then I favor seeking justice in the court room, because I think I know how to read both the constitution of the State of Nebraska and the U. S. Constitution.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I do not wish to take too much time here this morning because I think Senator Stahmer has covered it pretty well. But I do wish to reemphasize that in certain fields that first this bill only applies to a classified school district and I wish to emphasize that what Senator Stahmer said is very correct,

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you can go all through Omaha and you have these little quonset huts instead of school buildings that, because of lack of room in the school building itself, we've had to make these little things, they're costly in the fact the heating problem, the communication problem, and I think the children deserve something better than that, we are a growing city, we cannot keep up with the growth of the city of, by, we can't build the buildings fast enough for the children. Now one of our problems is, that certain parts of the city of Omaha are losing population so you might say, well in some parts of Omaha, there is a school maybe seven tenths full, it could hold more, and that could be true, but it's due to the fact that the area, the young people